

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on March 24, 2005 at 8:05 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)  
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)  
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)  
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)  
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary  
Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 2, 3/22/05; SB 519, 3/22/05  
Executive Action: SB 513, SB 19

00:07:31

HEARING ON HJ 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HJ 2, Revenue estimating resolution.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:12:47 Terry Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division  
00:25:50 Dan Dodds, Governor's Office on Budget and Planning

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas65a01)

00:35:46

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:17:25 Judy Paynter, Governor's Office on Budget and Planning

01:19:06

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. TOOLE assumed the Chair.

01:22:15

HEARING ON SB 519

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT (D), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 519, Revising types of property in classes nine and thirteen.

Proponents' Testimony:

Opponents' Testimony:

01:32:33 David Hoffman, Pacific Power and Light  
01:44:21 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association  
01:46:23 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

**Informational Testimony:**

01:47:04            John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

01:48:03            Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue

01:48:53

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:18:07

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**SEN. ELLIOTT resumed the Chair.**

02:38:21    Break

02:43:16    Resume

**SEN. TOOLE assumed the Chair.**

02:44:44

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 513**

**Motion:    SEN. HARRINGTON moved that SB 513 DO PASS.**

02:45:07            Dan Bucks, Director, Department of Revenue

**EXHIBIT**(tas65a02)

03:17:14            Dave Ohler, Department of Revenue

03:32:56            Glenn Oppel, Government Affairs Director, Montana  
Association of Realtors

03:42:45            Mike Crowley, Montana Taxpayers Association

03:44:08            Randi Gilmore, Department of Revenue

**SEN. HARRINGTON withdrew his motion.**

03:51:31            SEN. ELLIOTT resumes the Chair.

03:54:41

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 19**

**Motion:    SEN. TOOLE moved that SB 19 DO PASS.**

**Motion/Vote:    SEN. TOOLE moved that SB 19 BE AMENDED. Motion  
carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**SEN. TOOLE withdrew his motion.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:03 A.M.

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SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([tas65aad0.PDF](#))**